(b) if so, the reasons for such merging; and

(c) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.D. ALI ASHRAF FATMI):(a) to (c) The Planning Commission in its Mid Term Appraisal of the Xth Plan, has recommended that the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) scheme should be merged with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in the XIth Plan w.e.f. 1st April, 2007. The rational was that the objectives of KGBV scheme are similar to that of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) i.e. to promote schooling facilities at upper primary stage for girls. Both the schemes have similar funding pattern between the Centre and States and both are being implemented through the State Implementing Society of the SSA.

The KGBV school requirements are reflected as a separate component in the Annual Work Plans and Budget prepared for SSA.

Establishment of private universities

4164. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposal to establish private universities;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to sanction the proposal;

(c) whether Government have formed rules and regulations for such private universities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI):(a) The Central Government does not have any such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The University Grants Commission has framed regulations, called 'The University Grants Commision (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003'.